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SUBJ: SURINAM WILL TAKE PART IN GROUP OF 77 AND UNCTAD

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1. GOS WILL SEND OFFICIAL DELEGATION TO GROUP OF 77 MEETING AT MANILA JAN 26 - FEB 6 AND TO FOURTH SESSION OF UNCTAD AT NAIROBI IN MAY. DELEGATION TO MANILA MEETING WILL BE COMPOSED OF MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS EDWARD J BRUMA (WHO WILL LEAD DELEGATION); DIRECTOR OF MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS HUBERT NARAIN; DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MINPSTRY OF FINANCE SATIJANAN AMERSINGH; HEAD OF THE BUREAU OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT HEIN YVEL; AND ECONMIST WITH THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT UNIT OF MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS JOHANNES MANGAL.

2. IN PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE MANILA AND UNCTAD MEETINGS, PRIME MINISTER HENCK A.E. ARRON SAID SURINAM (AN IMPORTANT BAUXITE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRODUCER) VIEWS EFFORTS OF RAW MATERIALS PRODUCING COUNTRIES

TO OBTAIN "JUST AND HONORABLE" SHARE OF WORLD ECONOMIC PIE IN A "POSITIVE" LIGHT AND WOULD JOIN WITH OTHERS IN ESTABLISHING "COMMON FRONT" OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AT NAIROBI. HE WAS "MODERATELY OPTINISTIC" THAT NAIROBI MEETING WOULD HAVE GOOD RESULTS BECAUSE, HE SAID, "RICH COUNTRIES HAVE SHOWN A WILLINGNESS TO MEET THE JUST DEMANDS" OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

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3. COMMENT: SURINAM'S CHARTER MEMBERSHIP IN THE INTERNATIONAL BAUXITE ASSOCIATION DEMONSTRATED GOS' COMMITMENT TO PRODUCER COUNTRY SOLIDARITY, BUT SURINAM MAY BE RELATIVELY MODERATE VOICE IN GROUP OF 77 AND UNCTAD, ESPECIALLY ON ISSUES IN WHICH IT HAS NO DIRECT STAKE. THE ARRON GOVERNMENT HAS PUBLICLY DISAVOWED ANY INTENTION TO NATIONALIZE BAUXITE COMPANIES AND HAS RETAINED CLOSE AND CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH THE FORMER MOTHER COUNTRY.

4. SURINAM'S CHIEF DELEGATE AT MANILA, HOWEVER, IS THE LEADER OF LEFT-WING MINORITY PARTY WITHIN MODERATE GOVERNING COALITION AND REPUTEDLY AN ADMIRER OF GUYANA AND CUBA. HE IS COMSUMATE POLITICIAN AND AVID PUBLICITY SEEKER, AND HAS OCCASIONALLY DISMAYED OPPOSITION AND GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS ALIKE BY HIS THRUSTING POLICIES. IT REMAINS BE SEEN WHETHER HE WILL DO SO AGAIN AT MANILA, WHERE HE WILL BE FAR REMOVED FROM RESTRAINING INFLUENCE OF COALITION PARTNERS.

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5. FOR MANILA: WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS BRUMA MAY MAKE AT CONFERENCE.
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